



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 5, 2000

Jodie Robinson, Treasurer  
Mississippi Democratic Party  
Political Action Committee  
P.O. Box 1583  
Jackson, MS 39215

RE: MUR 4967  
Mississippi Democratic Party  
Political Action Committee  
and Jodie Robinson, as Treasurer

Dear Ms. Robinson:

On September 14, 2000, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(4)(A)(i),(iii) and (iv), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly the file has been closed in this matter.

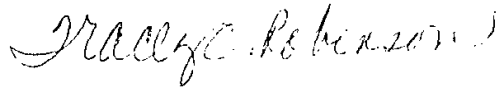
The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Tracey C. Robinson  
Staff Attorney

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 4967  
Mississippi Democratic Party Political )  
Action Committee and Jodie Robinson, )  
as treasurer )

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that the Mississippi Democratic Political Action Committee and Jodie Robinson, as treasurer ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), (iii) & (iv).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Mississippi Democratic Party Political Action Committee is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).

2. Jodie Robinson is the current treasurer of the Mississippi Democratic Party Political Action Committee.
3. Peggy Peterson served as treasurer from January 1 to January 25, 1997. Melody McAnally was designated as assistant treasurer effective January 25 to April 12, 1997.
4. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires treasurers of political committees other than authorized committees of a candidate to file periodic reports and disbursements. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1).
5. In any calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, committees that choose to file on a quarterly basis shall file quarterly reports no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the last day of each calendar quarter. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).
6. The statute also requires political committees to file a post-general election report no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the general election, which shall be complete as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day after such general election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii).
7. In a non-election year, political committees must file a report covering a period beginning January 1 and ending June 30, which shall be filed no later than July 31 of the same calendar year and a report beginning July 1 and ending December 31, which shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iv).
8. The due date for Respondents' 1997 Mid-Year Report was July 31, 1997. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). Respondents filed their 1997 Mid-Year Report on February 5, 1998, 189 days late, disclosing \$19,465.01 in receipts and \$19,246.75 in disbursements.

9. The due date for Respondents' 1998 April Quarterly Report was April 15, 1998. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). Respondents filed the 1998 April Quarterly Report on December 14, 1998, 243 days late, disclosing \$4,941.44 in receipts and \$5,440.60 in disbursements.
10. The due date for Respondents' 1998 July Quarterly Report was July 15, 1998. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). Respondents filed the 1998 July Quarterly Report on December 14, 1998, 152 days late, disclosing \$6,067.11 in receipts and \$4,579.72 in disbursements.
11. The due date for Respondents' 1998 October Quarterly Report was October 15, 1998. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). Respondents filed the 1998 October Quarterly Report on December 14, 1998, 60 days late, disclosing \$5,075.00 in receipts and \$2,889.09 in disbursements.
12. The due date for Respondents' 1998 30 Day Post-General Report was December 3, 1998. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(iii). Respondents filed the 1998 30 Day Post-General Report on December 14, 1998, 11 days late, disclosing \$890.00 in receipts and \$341.45 in disbursements.
13. The Committee was the subject of MUR 3800, in which the Commission found probable cause to believe that the Committee failed to file six (6) reports timely and for failure to notify the Commission of a change in treasurer. The Commission entered into a conciliation agreement with the Committee, which paid a civil penalty of \$15,000.
14. The Committee was also the subject of MUR 4420, in which the Commission found reason to believe that the Committee failed to file the 1995 Mid-Year Report on time.

The Commission entered into pre-probable cause conciliation and the matter was resolved with the Committee paying a civil penalty of \$4,300.

V. The Respondents failed to timely file the 1997 Mid-Year Report, 1998 April Quarterly Report, 1998 July Quarterly Report, 1998 October Quarterly Report, and 1998 30 Day Post General Report in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), (iii) & (iv).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

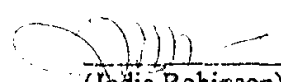
BY:

  
Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

Date

10/4/00

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

  
(Jodie Robinson)  
(Treasurer)

Date

5-10-00